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SCHOOL ART RECEPTION

Medicine Hat – Due to Environment Canada blizzard warnings and police advisories to stay off the roads, Esplanade Arts and Heritage staff made the decision, at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 20, to close the Esplanade and cancel the School Art reception for later that day.

Staff contacted the media to alert the public about the closure and cancellation. Still, more than 100 people arrived at the Esplanade.

A few members of staff were able to get to the Esplanade to greet visitors and inform them of the cancellation as a courtesy to those who did not hear of it in time.

"None of the presenters were here to formally present the awards, so the full ceremony did not go ahead as planned. However, we gave eight of the fifty awards to those recipients who did arrive at the Esplanade, rather than send them away empty-handed," says Joanne Marion, Curator of Art.

The remaining 42 awards have been sent to the respective schools or school district offices. Principals have been requested to make every effort to celebrate their students' success in the arts.

"Staff and presenters were extremely disappointed to have to cancel the event, but we also wished to make every effort to not disappoint the children who were here," added Marion.

This is the first time in 30 years that the ceremony did not go ahead as planned.

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